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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
September 2023. Provisional data

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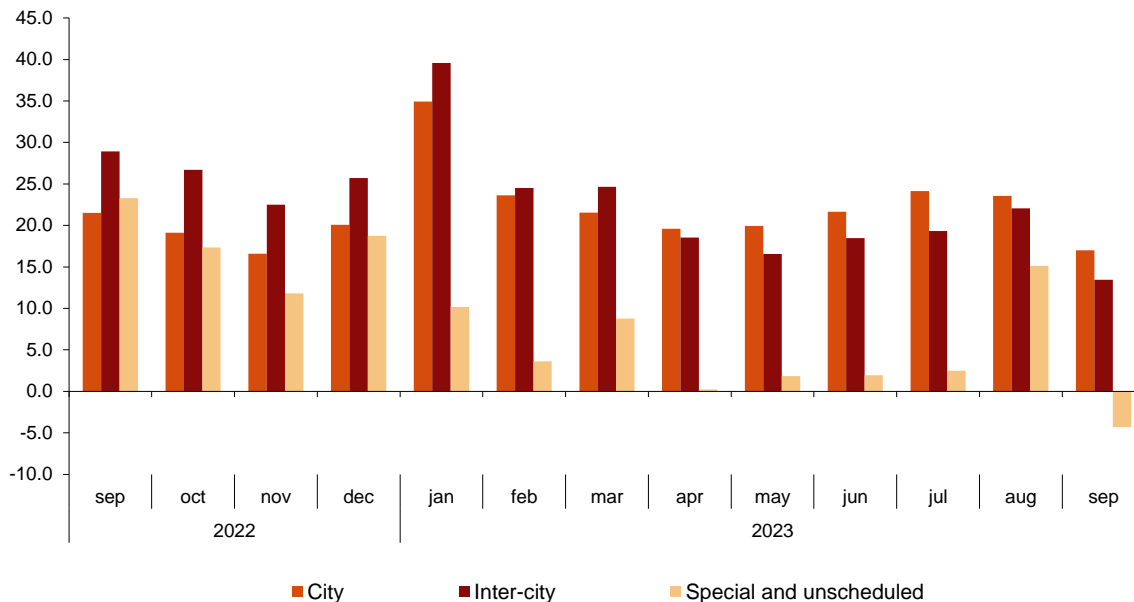
Evolution of passenger transport

More than 450.7 million passengers used public transport in September, 13.7% more than in the same month of 2022.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 17.0% and for inter-city transport 13.5%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 16.1% rise in the bus transport.

Passenger Transport by mode of transport.

Annual rate. Percentage



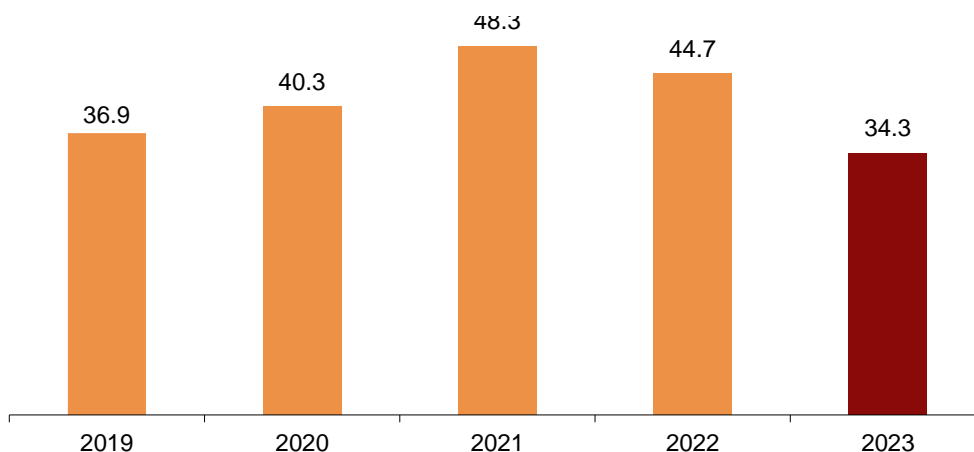
Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport. Percentage

	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2022 September	21.5	28.9	23.3
October	19.1	26.7	17.3
November	16.6	22.5	11.8
December	20.1	25.7	18.7
2023 January	34.9	39.6	10.2
February	23.6	24.5	3.6
March	21.5	24.7	8.8
April	19.6	18.6	0.2
May	19.9	16.6	1.9
June	21.7	18.5	1.9
July	24.1	19.3	2.5
August	23.5	22.1	15.1
September	17.0	13.5	-4.3

Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in September as compared with August was 34.3%. In order to contribute to the analysis and interpretation of data, the evolution of the monthly rate of public transport passengers in recent years is shown in the following chart.

Evolution of the monthly rate of number of public passengers transport
Percentage



City transport

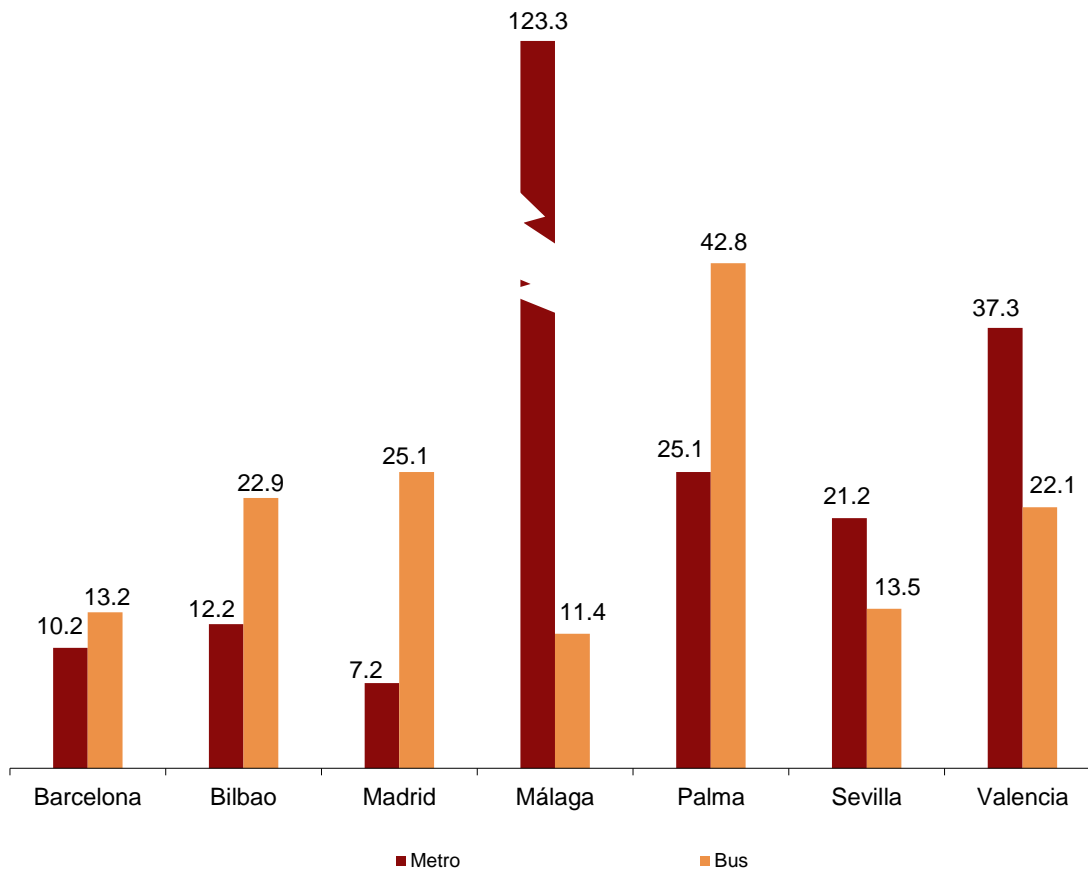
City transport was used by more than 275.7 million passengers in September, 17.0% more than in the same month of 2022.

Metro transport increased by 11.1% in annual rate. Málaga's metro registered the highest increase (123.3%), and Madrid's the lowest (7.2%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Palma (42.8%), and the lowest in Málaga (11.4%).

City transport passengers in cities with metro. September 2023.

Annual rate. Percentage



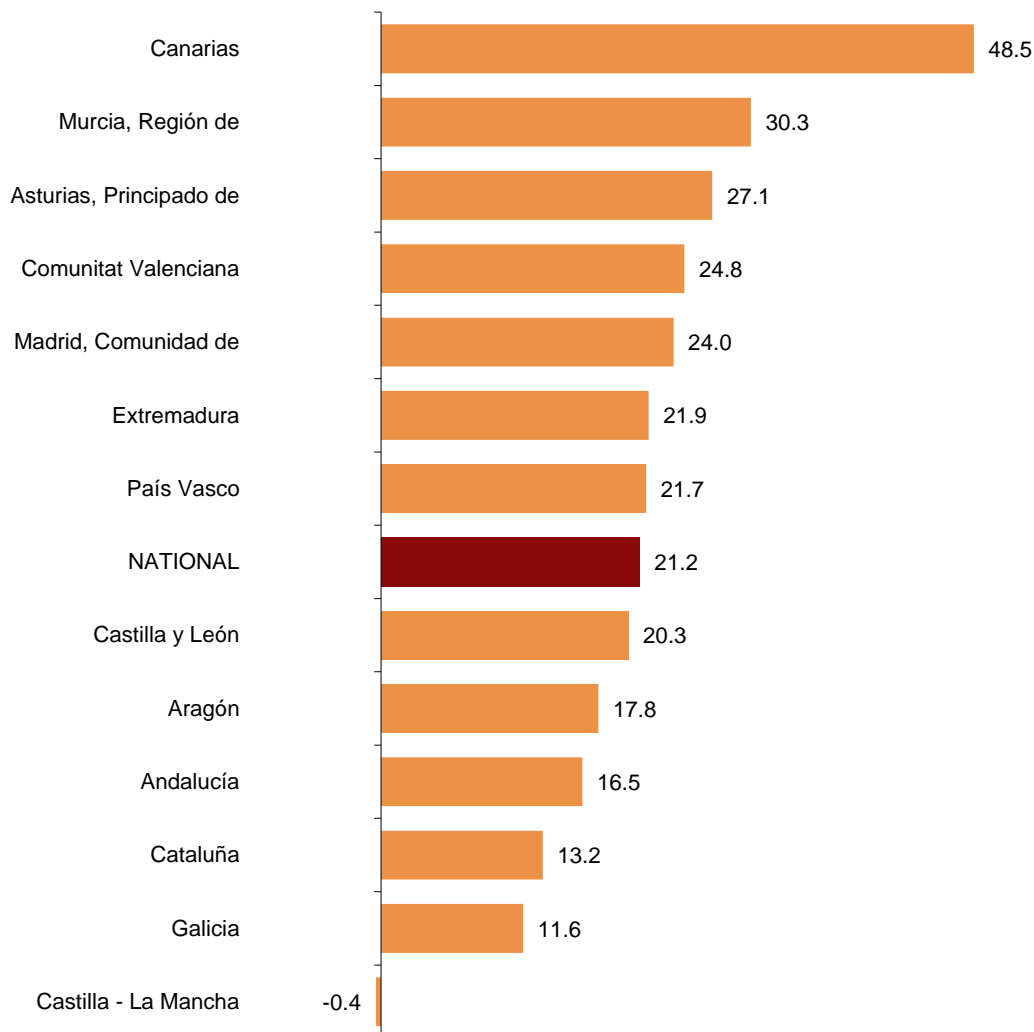
City transport by bus increased by 21.2% in September, as compared with the same month of 2022.

The number of bus transport passengers were showed the highest increases in Canarias (48.5%), Región de Murcia (30.3%) and Principado de Asturias (27.1%).

In turn, the largest decrease in bus transport passengers was showed in Castilla - La Mancha (-0.4%) in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. September 2023.

Annual rate. Percentage



¹ In order to maintain statistical secrecy, data of Autonomous Communities of Illes Balears, Cantabria, Comunidad Foral de Navarra and La Rioja, and the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta and Melilla are not separately published.

Inter-city transport

More than 134.5 million passengers used inter-city transport in September, representing a 13.5% increase as compared with the same month of 2022.

By mode of transport, the bus transport increased by 16.1%, the rail transport by 11.2%, and the air transport by 6.8%, whereas the maritime transport decreased by 0.1%.

Commuter transport increased by 14.1% by bus and by rail transport by 4.8%. Regional transport increased by 21.7% by bus and by 85.8% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 9.8% by bus and by 21.1% by rail transport. Within the latter, high speed railway increased by 31.2%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. September 2023.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
Bus	70,629	16.1
Local	48,909	14.1
Regional	20,388	21.7
Long-distance	1,332	9.8
Rail ¹	58,557	11.2
Local	48,351	4.8
Regional	6,580	85.8
Long-distance	3,626	21.1
High Speed	2,781	31.2
Rest of long-distance rail	845	-3.3
Air (domestic)	4,266	6.8
Mainland Spain	1,523	8.6
Mainland-Rest of territory	2,228	5.0
Inter-island	515	9.8
Maritime (cabotage)	1,141	-0.1

¹ Local rail includes RENFE and all autonomic rail operators. Long-distance rail includes AVE, AVLO, OUIGO and IRYO.

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 40.3 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in September, indicating a decrease of 4.3% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers decreased by 8.7%, reaching more than 25.2 million users. Within this, school transport decreased by 9.7% and work transport did so by 6.1%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 4.0% as compared with the same month of 2022, with more than 15.1 million passengers.

Revisions and data update

On the press release day, INE has updated PT data for the same month of the previous year. Results are available at INEBase.

Methodological note

The purpose of the Passenger Transport Statistics (PT) is to provide monthly information regarding the number of passengers transported by city transport (bus and metropolitan), inter-city transport (road, rail, air and sea) and special and unscheduled bus transport.

Road transport is researched through a simple survey. For rail transport, the number of passengers is calculated using the information provided by the railway operators (RENFE and other autonomous companies). The information for air transport is provided by Civil Aviation, and for sea transport, the number of passengers disembarked is compiled using information from State Ports.

Survey Type: ongoing monthly.

Population scope: companies involved in passenger transport irrespective of their main activity.

Geographical scope: the whole country.

Reference period of the results: month.

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Sample size: Approximately 1,500 companies.

Type of sampling: stratified random sampling of companies, by Autonomous Communities, number of employees and type of transport.

Collection method: fill in a questionnaire by respondent using one of the following methods: internet (IRIA system), email, fax, telephone or post.

Further information is available in the methodology:

http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736176906&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735576820

And in the standardized methodological report:

<http://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/en/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30163>

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1. Passenger transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
BY TYPE OF TRANSPORT	450,726	13.7	20.2
City transport	275,750	17.0	22.5
Inter-city transport	134,593	13.5	21.5
Special and unscheduled transport	40,384	-4.3	3.6

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	275,750	17.0	22.5
Metro	109,722	11.1	21.4
Bus ¹	166,027	21.2	23.3

¹ Including trams and funiculars.

2.1 City transport in major cities with Metro

		Passengers transported (thousands)	% variation	
			Annual	Year-to-date average
Barcelona	City bus	18,295	13.2	14.5
	Metro	36,373	10.2	21.1
Bilbao	City bus	3,222	22.9	20.0
	Metro	7,618	12.2	16.4
Madrid	City bus	42,464	25.1	23.5
	Metro	54,824	7.2	18.2
Málaga	City bus	3,933	11.4	20.9
	Metro	1,285	123.3	98.4
Palma	City bus	4,838	42.8	44.6
	Metro	182	25.1	49.0
Sevilla	City bus	6,484	13.5	14.7
	Metro	1,726	21.2	27.7
Valencia	City bus	8,542	22.1	32.4
	Metro	7,714	37.3	49.7

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	166,027	21.2	23.3
Andalucía	19,679	16.5	20.6
Aragón	10,336	17.8	18.2
Asturias, Principado de	3,253	27.1	25.6
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	7,724	48.5	46.6
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	5,934	20.3	23.8
Castilla - La Mancha	1,542	-0.4	23.2
Cataluña	26,418	13.2	15.9
Comunitat Valenciana	14,052	24.8	30.9
Extremadura	1,053	21.9	25.3
Galicia	5,374	11.6	18.8
Madrid, Comunidad de	48,643	24.0	23.7
Murcia, Región de	2,063	30.3	32.0
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	7,876	21.7	21.5
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

(.) Data not available due to statistical secrecy.

3. Inter-city transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
INTER-CITY TRANSPORT	134,593	13.5	21.5
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Local	48,909	14.1	16.8
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4. Special and unscheduled transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT	40,384	-4.3	3.6
Special	25,207	-8.7	-4.1
School	18,260	-9.7	-4.0
Work	6,946	-6.1	-4.2
Unscheduled	15,177	4.0	17.9